**Trees & Forests Issues Research Project**

For this project, you will learn about the effects humans are having on our trees & forest ecosystems. You will research one issue that is impacting our trees & forest ecosystems in Canada, look at the issue from at least two perspectives and present your information in a way that supports these varying perspectives.

For example, a local developer wants to build a new subdivision in a town in northern Alberta. To do this, they will need to clear away some of the forest that surrounds that town. The perspectives you could present from include:

-the developer

-the nearby community members

-environmentalists that want to protect the forest ecosystems

Some issues you could research include:

* **The Mountain Pine Beetle**
* **The Alberta Tar Sands**
* **The Caribou Forest**
* **Forest Fires**
* **The Forest Industry**
* **Issues affecting fish and wildlife including grizzly bears, woodland caribou, swift fox, bull trout or other**
* **The impact of climate change on forests**
* **Other topics**

Your topic must include a **current issue** affecting **Canadian** forests.

**The Main Idea:**

**How does the issue enhance and/ or threaten the health or well-being of Canadian forests?**

**You will need to:**

* Identify the issue and **come up with a “juicy” research question**
* Identify **at least 2 different perspectives** on the issue
* Identify **what is currently being done** about the issue
* Identify and **explain your feelings and/ or opinions** about the issue

**How you will present your work:**

You will have approximately 5 classes to work on your project. It is **due Wednesday November 28th** (but class time will only be given until November 22nd). You may present your work in any way you choose, but you will hand in a written summary of your research. Presentation of your work will be on November 28th in a gallery-style format.

**Topic Ideas:**

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* **Other topics of your choosing**